

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, William Gambardella, Walter Mann, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Radha Prasad, Deborah Moore, Todd DePino

Members Absent: Thomas Dunham

### MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 22, 2010, Mr. Freda moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Maher.

VOTE: All in favor.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BREAKFAST MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

Mr. Prasad thought that the breakfast was very successful but said that some people that usually get an invitation did not. Mr. Freda explained that we used a mailing list from the Chamber and that the list needs to be updated.

Mr. DePino said that he felt that it was a good meeting but given the economic climate there was not much for businesses to take away from it.

Mr. Freda said that he received mostly positive feedback. Some negative feedback was that a list of speakers should be available to the audience and name tags should be provided.

Mr. LoPresti suggested that the Fall Breakfast be put on the town website along with the agenda. He agreed that name tags should be provided and also that an evaluation form should be developed and given out to audience members. He also asked Mr. Freda if his office would send out thank you notes to the Holiday Inn, the United Illuminating Company and to the speakers.

Mr. Gambardella said that he thought the Holiday Inn was a good choice for the breakfast because it is a nice facility with ample parking and convenient.

Mr. Mann said that the breakfast will be airing on NHTV.

### COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATE

Mr. Mann suggested that the Town bring back the Show & Sell program. He said it was very successful and beneficial to both the residents and businesses.

Mr. Freda said that his office does not have the resources to handle this project. He asked the Commission members if they would be interested in undertaking this project. Further discussion followed and it was agreed by all to combine the fall breakfast and the Show and Sell program. Mr. Freda asked commission members to think about the location, dates, roles and responsibilities.

M. FREDA OVERVIEW

Mr. Freda said that he would like to break the Town into Districts and have each member be a district leader. We need to identify businesses in each district and find a way to create momentum and get business to continue to develop their sites. He asked commission members to give some thought as to which district they would be interested in. He also asked Mr. Fredricksen if he would bring a map to the next meeting to show the commission members the districts.

Mr. Freda said that he met with the owner/president of P.C. Richards to discuss a possible site for warehouse distribution. Unfortunately, they already have a facility in Bridgeport.

Mr. Freda said that he is working on a tax lien sale on Sackett Point Road which would generate revenue for the Town and jobs. They would also remediate the site.

Further discussion followed.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for June 24, 2010, at 8:15 a.m.

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Freda moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.